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ARMY

the Albanian Ministry of War 18 constituted

as follows:

Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces

General of the Army Enver

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Chief of Staff

Major General Begir Balluku

Political Director

Linjor General Hysni Kapo

The Ministry itself comprises the following units:

Political Direction:

Vice Director: Lioutement Colonel Begir Edou. Consists of two sections: Agit-Prop and Revolutionary sections. Certain political commissars are also included.

Ъ. General Staff:

In addition to the chief, includes Colonel Nexhip Vincani, Colonel Teki Koloneci (Colonezi), Major Jemal Pandovia, Major Skender Malindi, and others.

Army Staff:

Artillery Branch: (2)

Tank Branch:

I S Branch:

Communications Branch:

Reserves Branch:

Training Branch:

Engineers Branch:

Recruiting Branch:

Kajor General Tahir Kad reja Major General Gjin Marku Lajor Niazi Cepani (also

Kopani)

Colonel Qazim Kondi Major Suat Leskoviku

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Name unknown

Lieutenant Colonel Teme Sejko.

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- 2. There are three infantry divisions located as follows:
 - 2. Korce:

Commanding Officer, Lieutenant

Colonel Petrit Dume

b. Gjinokaster:

Commanding Officer, Major Vaske

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c. Tirana:

Commanding Officer, Colonel Hito

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- 5. The "Envor" regular division headquarters is based at Tirana; the commanding officer has recently changed, but the name of the new commanding officer is not known. One regiment of this division is located in the Peshkop-Tropoje area, another is believed to be in Tirana, and the third in the Korce-Gjinokaster region.
- 4. There is no Albanian Air Force.
- 5. The Naval Coastal Command headquarters is located at Tirana.
- 6. One unspecified brigade is based at Vlone, under the command of Colonel Gjeli Argjiri.
- 7. Each division is composed of three regiments, total strength not more than 6,000 men. A brigade, composed of two regiments, is under the direct control of the General Staff.
- 8. Righer grade Soviet officers are assigned at the General Staff level; Soviet advisors are also assigned to each division.

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